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TODAY'S WEATHER: Fresh East winds. Cloudy and cool.
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NANKING BUILDING UP VAST NEW ARMIES SAY REDS

San Francisco, Apr. 7. — Chinese Communists charged yesterday the Nationalist government is preparing to conscript 2,000,000 men to rebuild its armies.

A Peiping broadcast, heard by The Associated Press in San Francisco, said the Nationalists plan on a new military force of between 3,500,000 and 5,000,000 men. Present government forces were placed at a little over 1,000,000.

The broadcast charged the Nanking government is going ahead with these preparations "behind the facade of peace." It said the Defence Ministry recently created 14 training headquarters for this purpose.

Gales Lash Britain

London, Apr. 7.—Fierce winds reaching gale force beat at Britain's coasts tonight after a five-degree drop in temperature earlier today. Shipping from Heligoland to the West Coast of Ireland and south as far as the Bay of Biscay received a warning of the gales.

Gales in the Channel forced the Newhaven-Dieppe passenger steamer, *Londra*, to return to Newhaven with 905 passengers for the Continent, including many schoolchildren. Some travellers crossed by the Dover-Calais route, while others returned to London.

The town of Salisbury had a driving hail storm followed by snow, sleet and hail also fell in the mountains of Snowdonia and in Swedonia, North Wales, where shepherds carried newly-born lambs to shelter.

Many small ships were in trouble along Britain's coasts. The fishing vessel, *Aurora*, foundered on the Rocks of Pladda Island, south of Arran, in the Firth of Clyde, but its crew of three were saved. — Reuter.

The broadcast said in its effort to rebuild units lost in the last three years of civil war, the Nanking government has begun to replenish and train 37 armies and two divisions.

"This throws a light," the radio said, "on why the Kuomintang reactionaries clamour for an unconditional ceasefire at the present positions. By attempting to delay the People's Liberation Army at the banks of the Yangtze River, they hope to gain time for accomplishing their frantic 'Army expansion plan.'"

Other items in the Communist news broadcast also referred to a contemplated Red crossing of the Yangtze River.

The "All China Federation of Labour" condemned the "Nanking Kuomintang government for its massacre of Nanking students on April 1."

The broadcast said the "All China Federation of Labour" called on the workers in Kuomintang-controlled areas to unite closely with students and their countrymen throughout China and be ready to welcome the People's Liberation Army.

The broadcast had a joint statement of students and faculties of seven Peiping Universities "requesting that the People's Liberation Army cross the Yangtze River quickly." — Associated Press.

Trade Union Leader Warns Government Budget Will Bring Demands For Higher Wages

London, Apr. 7.—Mr Mark Hewitson, Labour Member of Parliament and officer of a million-man trade union, today warned the House of Commons that labour will demand higher wages and strike to get them if the Labour government's austerity programme continues.

The warning reflected displeasure of many Labourites against the austerity budget which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, announced yesterday, spelling higher prices and continued high taxes.

Lashing back, the Financial Secretary of Treasury, Mr Glenvil Hall, accused Mr Hewitson of laying false emphasis on food price increases which the budget demands.

Concluding today's bitter budget debate, Mr Hall said the price changes in food would amount to "about fourpence per head per week on rations."

Mr Hewitson said, "We shall be led to seek wage increase, and, if they dare say 'no' to these applications, I give a warning to the government that they are going to face industrial disputes in this country, such as they have not seen since the First World War."

Other Labourites complained, however, but Sir Stafford Cripps took down most of their protests at a private party caucus earlier today.

Informed quarters said the danger of a serious party split has receded. Hewitson carried his fight into the open, reminding the House of Commons that he is an officer of the General and Municipal Workers Union, nation's second largest trade union. He said that in view of the continued high taxes, he could not go to his union followers and tell them that a wage of 95 shillings weekly is "sufficient to keep life and soul together in a decent home."

United Press.

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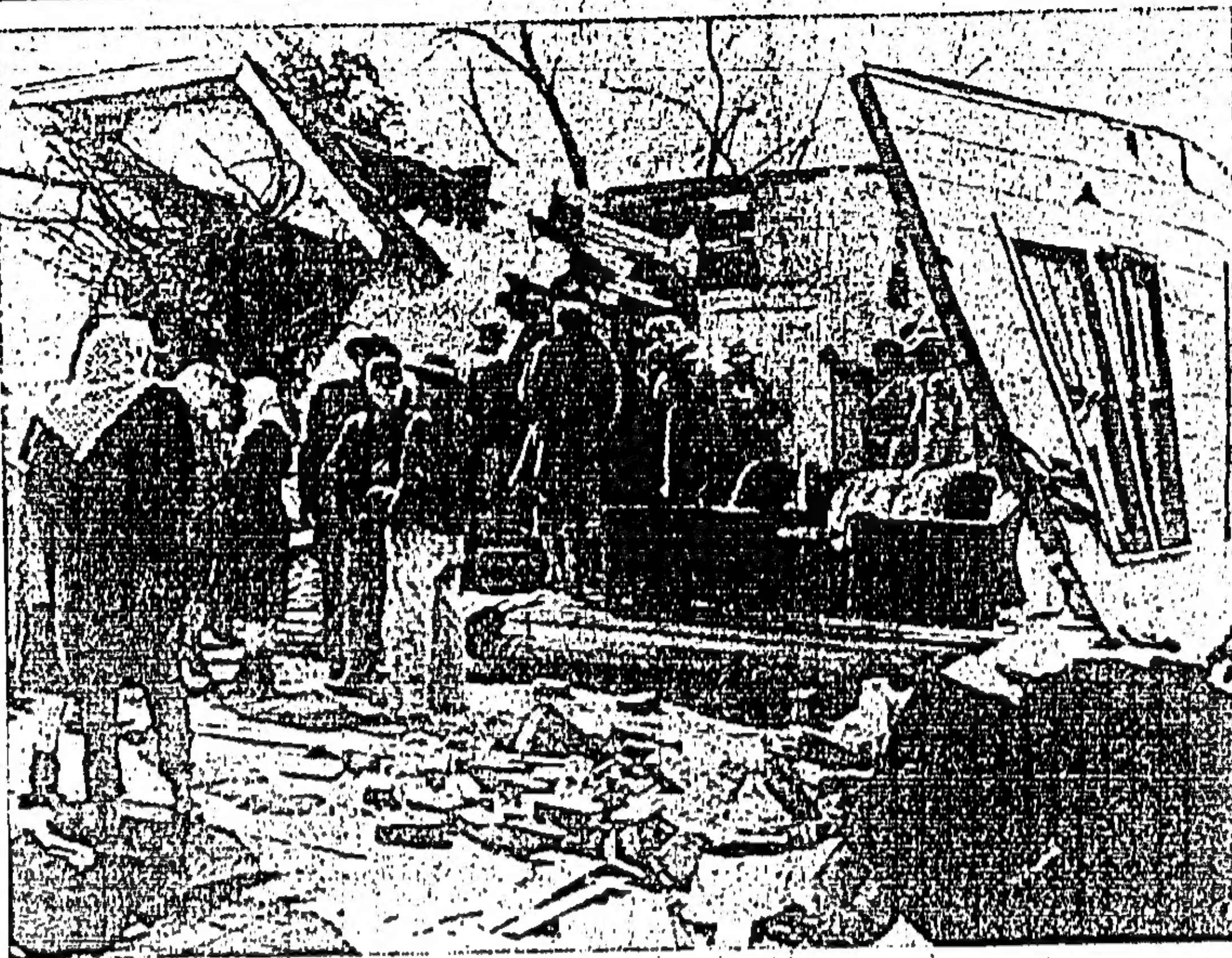
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Wrecked By Tornado



The second of two tornadoes which struck Northern Oklahoma gave the town of Blackwell a glancing blow, wrecking homes, a school and powerlines in the southern part of the town. Neighbours view the wreckage of the Verne Finley home there. — AP Picture.

Uprising In Guatemala

Guatemala City, Apr. 7.—The Government today said it had rushed Army and Air Force units to the Mexican border area to suppress "subversive" groups.

(Guatemala) sources in Mexico City said a Guatemalan revolutionary force of some 1,000 men, supported by fighters and bombers, crossed the border after forming in Mexico, with the intention of overthrowing the Government. They said the invasion had been under preparation for a year.

The Government statement said "subversive" groups attacked the town of Malacatan on the border and two men were killed and one wounded seriously.

TWO ATTACKS

It said also that Government planes patrolling the area reported that two armed groups, one of about 50 men and the other about 150, carried out the attacks. It added that early yesterday a smaller group raided El Carmen Customs house near the Mexican border and escaped with some \$35,000. Then the two groups attacked Malacatan and kidnapped the chief of the local army and Civil Guard detachments.

From there, they went to Santa Catalina, where they overpowered the Civil Guard post, seized stores and destroyed the strategic Cabus Bridge and others of lesser importance. The statement said simultaneously a larger group attacked ranches and farms in the Santa Teresa and Buena Vista areas.

Colonel Roberto Garcia Arevalo was placed in command of operations and all authorities in the area directed to co-operate. Mobilisation was ordered in military zones in San Marcos Department bordering on Mexico.

"ACTS OF VANDALISM"

The Government statement referred to the groups as "men without conscience" engaged in "acts of vandalism." Nowhere in the statement were they referred to as revolutionaries or robbers. Dr Gustavo Adolfo Troncoso was listed as the leader.

Mexican General Adolfo Perone Benitez, chief of the 31st Mexican Military Zone which comprises the border area, offered to co-operate with the local Guatemalan authorities to clarify the situation. He asserted that the attacks had not originated in Mexico. — United Press.

AMAZING DISCLOSURES ABOUT "FREEDOM SCHOOL"

Headmaster Unfit To Have Charge Of Children

Ecclestone, Staffordshire, Apr. 7. — The bearded headmaster of an expensive Staffordshire mixed "freedom school," Robert Copping, was today found unfit to have charge of children and guilty of keeping them in "a detrimental environment." Similar verdicts were passed on his partner, Edward "Joe" Reynolds. Both were found not guilty of keeping the school's 22 pupils on insanitary premises.

Copping was said to have taken a girl pupil away for a week. The matron at the school was alleged to have provided contraceptives to a girl pupil whom she suspected of intimacy with a boy.

The boys and girls at the school, Horsley Hall, near here, were said to have visited each other in their bedrooms "at any hour of the day or night," to have talked constantly about sex, and used "the filthiest language."

The principal, Robert Copping, whose age was given as 45, and his partner, Edward Reynolds, denied the complaints against them. The prosecuting counsel claimed the 22 children at the school were "under an influence which is baleful and destroying to their white souls."

Reynolds, said to be known among the pupils as "Joe," was alleged to have offered to bet a boy "a pound to a penny" that he would not seduce a female at the establishment. "It was treated as a great joke. I shall tell you that Reynolds has been generous enough to describe this in his statement himself," counsel said.

"STRANGE IDEAS"

Counsel alleged that Copping had stayed for a week with one of his girl pupils in an unoccupied house, where they slept in adjoining bedrooms with a communicating door. Copping and Reynolds were said to have kept the children in insanitary premises. Their food was alleged to have been kept in a mouldering condition, the drinking water was contaminated, and there was no adequate heating or light.

Submitting that they were not fit to have the care "of these or any children," the prosecuting counsel said: "These gentlemen have strange ideas regarding freedom of education for young children and self-expression."

A "somewhat confusing" document which could be produced in evidence explaining their tenets showed that there was no punishment for anyone, children were allowed to do what they liked, and could please themselves about the hours they went to bed.

"The bodies of these young creatures are, in fact, often cold and they shiver, there is a general state of disorder and squallor in the bedrooms, the stores and other rooms," counsel said.

SEDUCTION RUMOUR

A detective sergeant read a statement said to have been made by Reynolds that he had traced a rumour that he had seduced a 16-year-old girl back to a kitchen worker at the school.

Copping, during the hearing, denied that a girl he had taken to London for a week was one of his pupils. He said she had been a pupil but was then doing secretarial work and he now intended to marry her.

Defence counsel said Copping and Reynolds, both of whom denied the complaints, sincerely believed in the way they ran this educational establishment. One astonishing feature of the case was that not a single parent had been called to say that they were dissatisfied with the way the children were treated, counsel said.

Copping started his educational system because he believed human beings had a natural tendency to do the right, not the wrong, things. He said 50 to 60 percent of the children smoked, but certainly 50 percent would leave the school as non-smokers. If an adolescent boy and girl were found in the same bedroom at the school, they would be rebuked but not punished.

PARENT SATISFIED

Misconduct was unlikely after the first few weeks, during which time they were watched carefully, he added. One of the

pupil's parents, a Chinese doctor, said he brought his son to England from the West Indies and he was satisfied with his progress and health at Horsley Hall.

Mr Reynolds said he considered himself a fit person to have charge of children. He had no academic qualifications.

A statement said to have been made by a Dutchman engaged as a teacher, Jorrit Jan Voogd, said that he approached Copping on remarks made to him by some of the girls. Copping told him: "These things happen, and if it gives a child pleasure, it cannot be bad."

ATTENDANCE OPTIONAL

A medical officer who inspected Horsley Hall said attendance at meals and classes was optional. Bed sheets were extremely dirty, crockery unwashed. "I have never seen any school anywhere with conditions approaching this," he declared.

On the allegations of obscene language at the school, Copping said: "No language is obscene unless the mind hearing it is obscene."

Reynolds, asked if he thought it right that he should bet a boy "a pound to a penny" to seduce the housekeeper, replied: "I would not seriously sit down and put that to a child. The matter arose from the child and by merely answering in that manner it was dismissed from the child's mind."

An order to remove the children from the school was adjourned until next month. — Reuter.

H.K. Girl Silences The Experts

(From Our London Correspondent)

Miss Cecilia Cheng, who was sent to England by the Bishop of Hongkong two years ago to study at the Royal School of Church Music, sang a 2,000-year-old Chinese song — and ended an argument between some of the world's leading church music authorities.

It happened at Church House, Westminster, the headquarters of the Church Assembly. The discussion was on whether modern music would oust the 17th-to-19th Century forms of simple service.

Miss Cheng listened in silence to the arguments of the eminent church musicians. Then she rose and sang.

The organists of Westminster Abbey, St Paul's and Canterbury Cathedrals, and other notable musicians in the audience, listened in amazement.

When the last strange note had died away, the audience applauded. Miss Cheng thanked them shyly, and explained, "That, sirs," she said, "is a tune more than 2,000 years old, and we have some even older — up to 4,000 years — that we use for hymns."

"I have just sung 'Of Heaven, Most Merciful Father.' The tune is a Chinese folk song."

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EDITORIAL

Unpopular, But Realistic

SIR Stafford Cripps, in his 1949-50 Budget, has exceeded the worst forebodings of the British housewife: HER budget has now to be so revised that a goodly proportion of whatever savings she has been able to make from the weekly pay envelope is to be absorbed in increased prices for necessities such as meat, cheese, butter and margarine. And as the Government has already extracted a promise from the TUC that it will continue to support the policy of restricting wages to their present maximum, the effect of the Chancellor's Budget is equivalent to an increase in income tax. Sir Stafford's budget has already been described by British economists as "courageous," and by the man in the street as "disappointing."

Both will agree that it is unpopular, and most decidedly it confounds the prognostications of the Conservative Party that it would be an Election Budget. Nothing could be more calculated to lose Labour votes, were it possible in these times, to decide an election on such an issue. But when the housewife's sense of grievance and frustration has been acknowledged, and the political capital of the Opposition parties has received its proper credit, the Cripps Budget for this year still deserves to be described as realistic. It carries with it the hard realism of necessity and a subtle but thorough evaluation of a long-term policy which Sir Stafford, even before he had become Chancellor of the Exchequer, had enunciated in public speeches. Cripps' thesis is simple enough: exports are the life-blood of Britain, always have been. But today the export market has largely to be selective, because the real life-blood is a reserve

of gold dollars by which the nation can internationally finance itself. Wherefore, most things must be subordinated, firstly to the saving of gold dollar expenditure; secondly to its accumulation as a credit. Thus the key of the Chancellor's Budget can be found in the observation that "we intend to continue with the policy (of restricting dollar expenditure) to what can be covered by dollar earnings" for the rest of the ERP period. The Budget also possesses a strong anti-inflation flavour. Thus there is to be no concession in the heavy purchase tax which discourages extravagant spending on so-called luxuries; nor is there to be any important relief in income tax, which also deprives the people of what otherwise would be surplus income. The only crumbs which have fallen from Sir Stafford's austerity budget banquet are a penny a pint off beer and two shillings a bottle off table wines, which will mean little or nothing in the economic lives of millions of Britons. Yet, apart from the emotional appeal, the Opposition will probably be hard put to offer penetrating criticism of the Budget. It may be unpalatable, but it is in accord with facts, conditions and necessities, and it is unlikely any other Chancellor, whatever his political party, could have avoided the more unpopular features of Sir Stafford's solution to the country's existing economic problems. The predominant meaning of the Budget is that the people are once again called upon to suffer hardships, inconvenience and solemn responsibilities in the name and for the cause of Britain's future. It is a severe burden, and one that probably only the British, as a nation, could face up to and bear.

QUALIFIED SUPPORT

London, Apr. 7.—Qualified support for Sir Stafford Cripps' budget proposals was given by the chief Opposition speaker, Mr Harry Crookshank in today's House of Commons budget debate.

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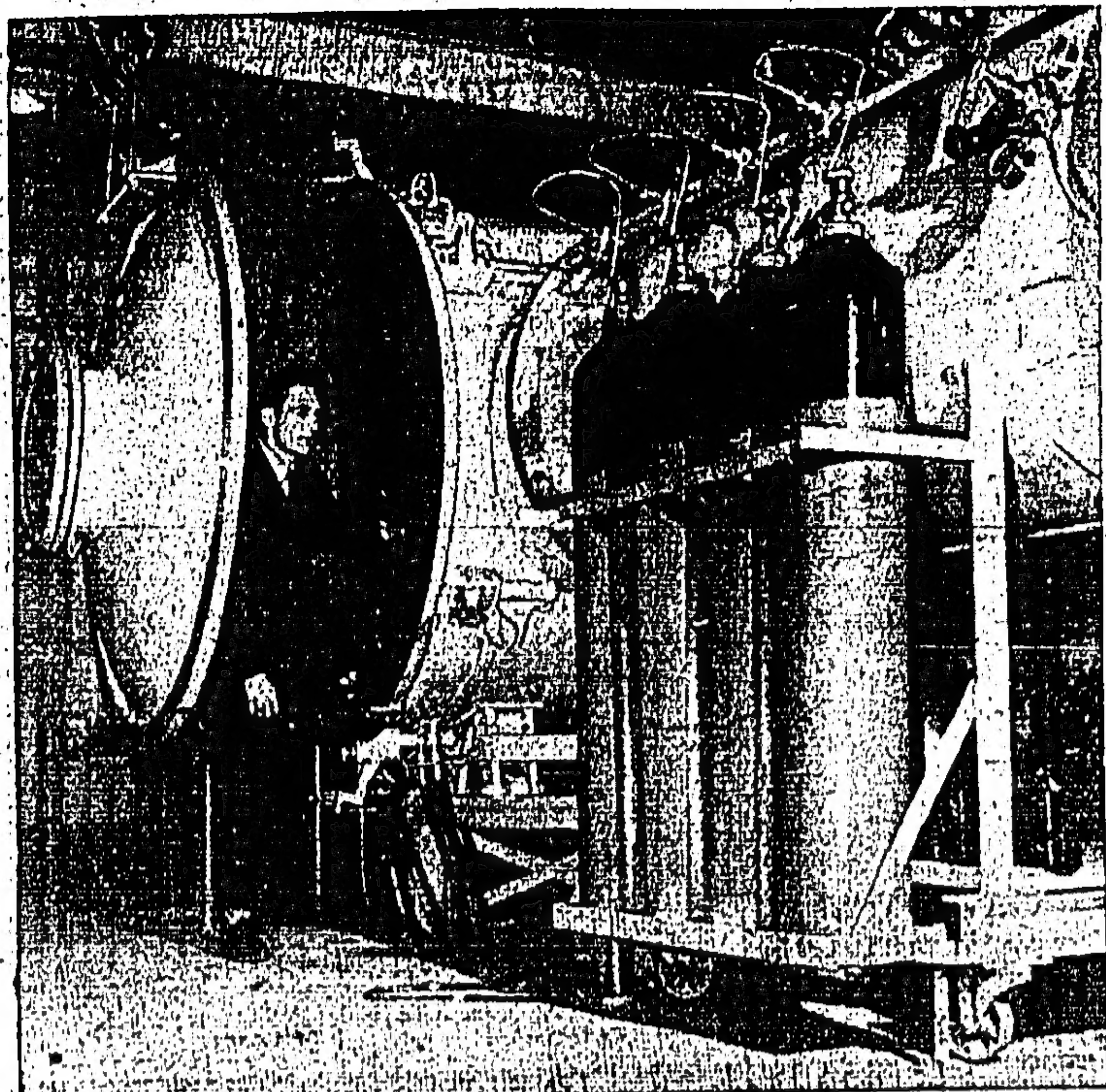
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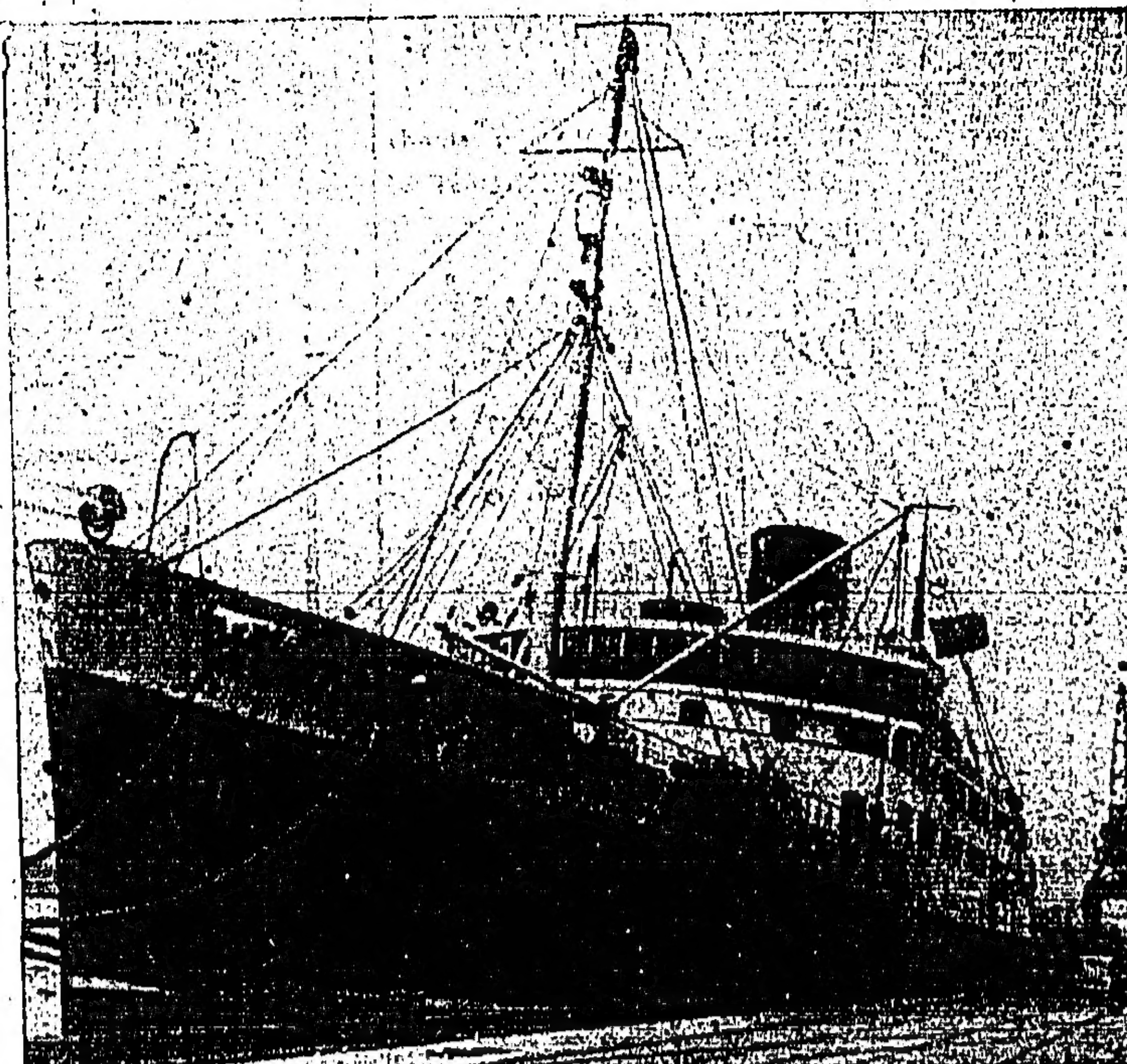
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SCIENTIFIC—A general view of the world's first low pressure supersonic wind tunnel. It was designed to explore and study the problems of super-aerodynamics in Berkeley, California. A technician steps inside the door of the test chamber to make a routine check before operating the machine.



SKILLED TOUCH—This Indonesian girl is removing wax coverings from a piece of cloth just dyed in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. The batik industry, for which Indonesian handicraft is noted, is based on block printing and dyeing.



ALL FIXED UP—Tied up at the Camden, New Jersey, Marine Terminal for repairs before she sailed back home, the ss Molotov is carrying the Soviet sailors who returned the lend-lease cruiser Milwaukee to the US. The ship's boiler fire boxes had caused the trouble.



BRIEF ENCOUNTER—After hitting the roof of a hangar at Croydon Airport, near London, this shattered two-engine plane landed on the roof of a telephone office. The pilot suffered some injuries but was rescued by firemen.



INSPECTING AIRLIFT—During a visit to Tempelhof Airfield, in the United States sector of Berlin, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, second from left, reviews the guard of honour. With him are Lt.-Col. William H. Delacy, left, commanding officer of Tempelhof, and Lord Henderson, right foreground, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs.



STAY AWAY, PAPA—Olga, a camel in the Philadelphia Zoo, stands guard over her three-day-old daughter. Even the papa camel was forbidden by Olga to come near their child, which she jealously protects from everyone.



HOWDY DO—Portland, four-month-old daughter of actor James Mason and his wife, is making her first bow to the public in Hollywood. The baby is named after Portland Hoffa, wife of comedian Fred Allen.



FANCY TRAVEL—Genevieve Cuprys, 25-year-old animal handler from the New York Bronx Zoo, coaxes two elephants from an aeroplane which landed in New York from Singapore and Slam. The 12,000-mile flight was shared by 133 tropical animals which were being shipped to American zoos.



CONTENDER—Wearing a French bathing suit decorated with orchids, Pat Morrison of Chicago is a leading contender in New York for the title of "Miss Stardust."

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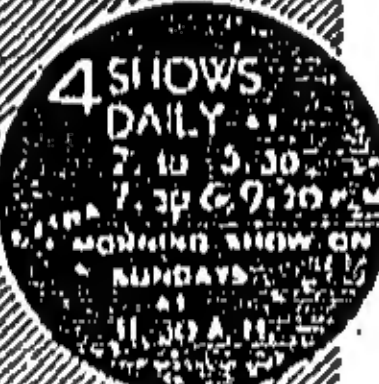


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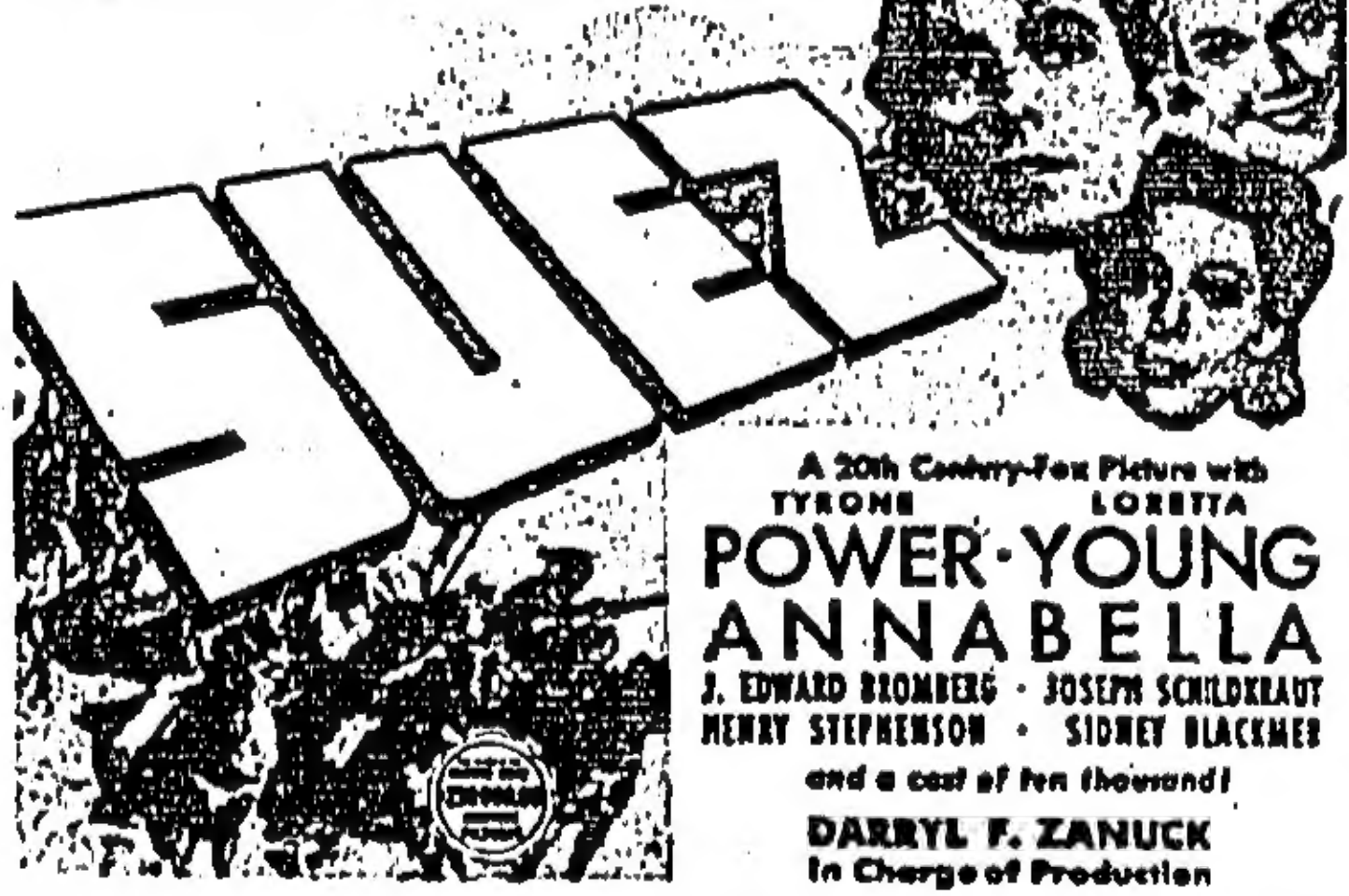
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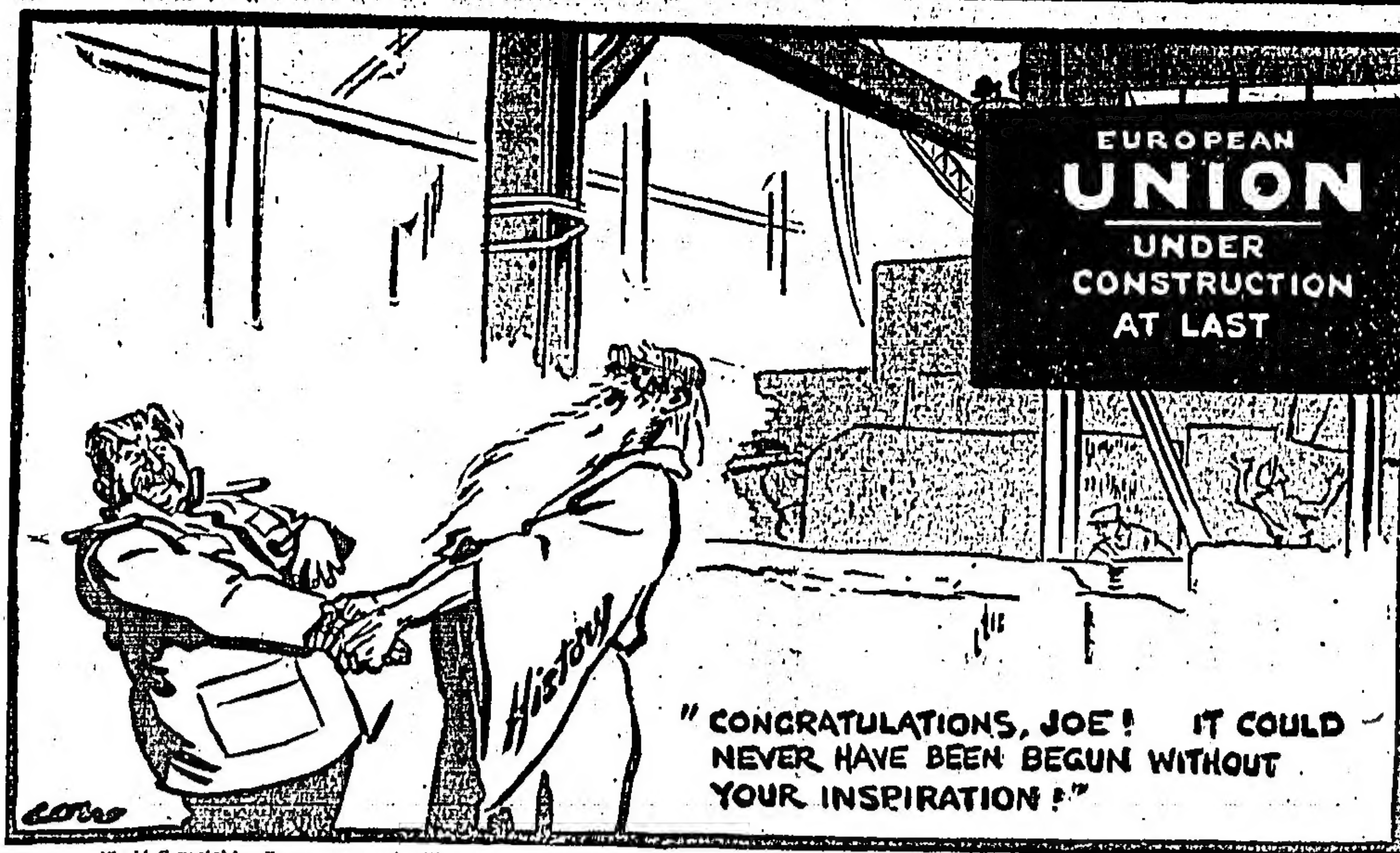
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THE BACK-ROOM AIR COMMODORE TELLS— How we got the blockbusters

By MORRIS BROWN

ON the night of April 15, 1941, the Luftwaffe raided London. A bomb destroyed the eyesight of Air Commodore Huskinson, bomb expert and "back-room boy" of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Three months later, with dark glasses hiding his useless eyes, Huskinson was back at his desk directing the planning and development of his "block-busters." He memorised letters as they were read to him. He followed plans and blueprints with his finger-tips, after an assistant had pricked out their lines with a spiked wheel.

Now he has told his story, in a book "Vision Ahead." It is the record of a man of action and high courage, who earned himself a reputation as a "red-tape" cutter in the RAF between the wars. Such men, often frustrated in peace-time come into their own with the urgency of war.



AIR COMMODORE HUSKINSON
... blinded, he went back to work.

MAN OF ACTION

IN May 1940, another man of action, Lord Beaverbrook, became Minister of Aircraft Production. He needed a new Director of Armament Development to speed up the supply of new bombs and guns to the growing air fleets. He selected Huskinson. The interview between them was a model of brevity on both sides.

They shook hands. Do you know anything about this job? said Beaverbrook. "Very little, I'm afraid," said Huskinson. "Well," continued Beaverbrook, "come and see me whenever you like. I hear you know how to get a move on. Go and get a move on now." And that was that.

Huskinson got a move on. But he found Lord Beaverbrook an exacting chief, who was always one jump ahead in the race to get things done. Here is a first-hand report of a partnership with a human dynamo:

"When the Beaver wished to see me he simply telephoned, 'I want you.' Sometimes the matter was important, sometimes not; but he always expected you to appear at the double.

"He worked incredibly long hours, and naturally expected that others would do the same. He had all his meals on a tray at his desk. He loathed red-tape, and he had no axe to grind, and to me these were rare and refreshing characteristics.

"Utterly fearless of blame or responsibility he was magnificently loyal to his subordinates. He gave you all the rope in the world to get results, and if you hanged yourself with it that was your look-out.

"You had the comfortable feeling, on the other hand, that if you got into trouble by getting results he would support you unflinchingly, with all he had in him. When seized with an idea he positively seemed to explode into activity. More often than not these explosions produced magnificent results."

'WHAT ACTION?'

ONLY once did Huskinson completely satisfy Beaverbrook. He was given a complex and detailed problem, which should have taken many days to answer. Huskinson left the Minister and got into a lift to go to his office. There he met the only man in Britain who knew all the answers to this question. He noted them carefully. As he reached his office the telephone was ringing. It was Lord Beaverbrook.

"What action have you taken about those questions I asked you?" he barked.

Huskinson glibly reeled off a mass of technical data. If it was possible to shink Beaverbrook, Huskinson believes that he came close to doing it then.

Huskinson sums up this period at the Ministry as an oddity of pleasure and hell. But it was a hell that produced results. The time taken to produce a new bomb was reduced from a matter of years to six months or less. Bigger and better bombs came off the production lines—4,000lb bombs, 8,000lb bombs—starting the progression that ended with the 22,000lb "Grand Slam."

In April 1941, Huskinson was working on the 12,000lb "Tallboy." Then he was blinded. He worked on from June to the following January. Then he left the RAF and became President of the Air Armaments Board. Here he was still concerned with the development of new air weapons.

SPINSTER'S IDEA

EVEN the darkest periods have their light relief. For Huskinson it came in the form of amateur inventors with bright ideas. Perhaps the most memorable of these, if not the most practical, was the invention of a spinstor. She suggested that the RAF should drop thousands of rats equipped with little parachutes into the German hinterland. These would have little packets of incendiary material tied to their tails. They would seek shelter in houses, barns and haystacks, and the whole countryside would burst into flames.

But as a lifelong member of the RSPCA, she felt bound to make one condition. The rats must be provided with asbestos jackets.

As the campaign developed in Italy and the Normandy invasion drew nearer, Huskinson had to find the answer to a number of special problems.

A way had to be found to block the Brenner tunnel, through which the German army in Italy received most of its supplies and reinforcements. The Saumer tunnel in France, on the main line to the proposed invasion area, had also to be blocked.

There was a need for extensive information on the best way of cutting railway communications over a long period. So Huskinson made a series of practical tests. He assaulted the Great Western Railway. He blew in the entrances of a railway tunnel in Penbrynshire. He broke down the banks of a railway canal. He blocked cuttings, destroyed locomotives and tore up lengths of permanent way.

A spate of protests about delays in the GWR service began to flow in. The company made polite excuses.

But, as a result of the tests, the Brenner and Saumer tunnels were successfully blocked. Rail communication with Normandy was disorganised by D-Day.

About himself, Huskinson is deprecatory. His character emerges mainly by what he omits to say. An instance of this is his detailed description of the blindness and of his subsequent recovery and return to work. He records this without self-pity. The words "pain," "unhappiness" and "frustration" do not appear once in the whole account.

IN THE SNOWDRIFT

NO indication is given of the supreme mental effort needed for an active man to overcome the shock and helplessness of sudden blindness, to return to work within three months of the event.

Huskinson uprooted himself twice from familiar surroundings to go to America in the latter years of the war. There is no mention of the disturbance this must have caused to a blind man—the strange voices and unknown rooms. He recalls a single "absurd" incident in Montreal, when he spent many minutes blundering around in snowdrifts, seeking to rescue a one-legged friend who had fallen head-first into several feet of snow. "Once only does he let slip a hint of the real meaning of his affliction. He says, simply: 'I never cease from trying to pierce the darkness that envelops me.'"

—(London Express Service).

C.V.R. Thompson reports the U.S. scene

New York. Christmas stocking. Hal hal to you....
A BIG spring push to sell Americans more British cars began in New York in mid-March.

In the newspapers were nearly as many advertisements for British cars as for American. The advantages of which they boast are these: Cheaper, more economical to run, easier to park.

But in a book just published in New York, humorist E. J. Kahn reported on the disadvantages of owning a "baby" British car in America.

There is nothing wrong with the car; it is the barrage of questions and jokes the owner has to face, he says. Favourite joke: "When are you going to wear it from milk to gas?" It got so bad Kahn worked out a standard answer. This was it: "No, we didn't buy it in England, but on Broadway.... Four cylinders.... No, we don't feel silly down here.... Around 40 to the gallon on the open road and 25 in traffic.... No, we didn't find it in a toy store—we found it in a...

WHY DO YOU EAT HAM WITH EGGS?

By
DOUGLAS LARSEN

CAN Brussels sprouts fly? Why does peanut butter stick to the roof of your mouth?

What happens when you psycho-energetically cow? Is it too far to walk to the separator?

What does carbon dioxide have to do with the sex life of a queen bee?

Why do you eat ham with eggs?

The U. S. Congress is being asked to appropriate \$50 million to these questions—and hundreds of others that are just as challenging.

There's little doubt that Congress will appropriate this sum. What's more, it may prove to be the smartest money that body spends.

That's the cost of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's research programme for the coming year. Congressmen, whether they represent farm or city districts, long ago learned the great dividends which America has earned as a result of this work. Trying to answer questions like these is one of the big factors behind America's huge food production.

Philip V. Carden, head of the Agricultural Research Administration, directs the job of dreaming up and solving these projects. He is aided by 3,000 Federal scientists who probably are the best men in the world in the field of agricultural research.

They work in 200 laboratories and on test farms scattered around the country. They co-operate with farmers and state agricultural researchers in all of the 48 states and territories.

ALTHOUGH the work of Carden and his helpers is aimed at helping the farmer, sometimes it ends up creating some giant industry—like the plastics business, created from soy beans—or at least with something that brings great joy to the housewife, such as frozen foods.

Take the flying Brussels sprouts. The problem was to find out whether flying vegetables to market by aeroplane harmed them. Using a decompression chamber, which simulated the air pressure and temperatures of a typical flight, it was discovered that Brussels sprouts and other vegetables are not harmed by flight so long as temperature and humidity are watched.

The tests told the aircraft manufacturers, who are interested in making planes for the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables, that they didn't need pressurised cabins for this purpose.

Trying to find out why peanut butter sticks to the roof of the mouth is part of a

project to improve the whole peanut industry. Peanut butter uses about half of all the peanuts consumed as food. If peanut butter could be made that would not stick to the roof of the mouth, it is believed it would double or triple the demand for peanuts and be worth millions of dollars to their growers.

PSYCHRO-ENERGETICS is the study of how heat, cold, humidity, ventilation and other conditions affect the production of milk, meat and other animal products.

A typical problem is to find why cows give less milk during a winter cold snap, and then to find how farm buildings can be modified to keep up the milk flow.

This work is being conducted at Columbia, Missouri. Trying to find out if a farmer is walking too far to the separator is all part of the job of designing farms and farm-houses so that they are most efficient. Such research has led to the building of farm buildings closer together, and the designing of farm kitchens many times more efficient than those in old farmhouses.

A year ago, U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists discovered that queen bees to a carbon dioxide gas anaesthetic caused them to lay eggs which later hatch into drone bees.

This makes possible a rapid speeding up of production of strains of hybrid bees in which sterility is absolutely controlled. This information is of great value to the honey industry.

TESTS conducted by the Department showed that the proteins found in ham and eggs supplement each other so well that the two, when eaten together, supply more nourishment than when they are eaten separately.

These tests merely confirmed that an old dietary habit of Americans has a sound nutritional basis. But they have led to other discoveries about the value of protein to humans which eventually will mean better balanced diets.

Thus, questions which may sound silly at first glance can mean millions of dollars, to the farmer and better food for all. And the ones mentioned here don't scratch the surface of what is being done in the vital field of agricultural research.

Other articles will tell such things as how close America came to losing for all times its strawberry crop, what's cooking for "meat-of-tomorrow," how we get wonder drugs from the farm; about an idea for using corn cobs instead of gasoline, and the latest dope on atomic farming.

NANCY

The Jackpot



By Ernie Bushmiller



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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Took Expert Card Reading to Connect

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

PROVING once again that there are bridge experts in every line of business, I dropped into Howie's Restaurant on Sixth Avenue in New York City the other day, and ran into Herman H. Goldberg, the associate manager.

In 1948, Herman won the Eastern States mixed team-of-four title and the South Shore open team-of-four. He finished second in the Vanderbilt Cup tournament for the national knockout team-of-four championship and second in the Metropolitan open team-of-four contest. Whenever he competes, he can be depended upon to be right up in the running. However, he still prefers rubber bridge to tournament bridge.

Herman pulled up a chair and told me about today's hand while I enjoyed their famous roast beef. North made the correct opening of the deuce of diamonds. Holding three to an honour of your partner's suit, you should open the lowest, not

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UN To Debate Hungarian Trials

Blistering Soviet Criticism

Lake, Success, Apr. 7.—The United Nations today decided to discuss the trials of Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian Primate, and 15 Bulgarian Protestant pastors after the United States had challenged Russia to "have it out in the General Assembly."

The Assembly's Steering Committee voted by 11 to 2—Russia and Poland, with Persia abstaining—to put the case on the agenda of the present session.

POCKET CARTOON



America To Build A Superliner

Will Carry 2,000 Passengers

Washington, Apr. 7.—Plans for a \$70,373,000 trans-Atlantic superliner—the largest passenger ship ever projected in the United States—were announced today by the Maritime Commission. The new flagship of the American Merchant Marine will be built by the Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia.

The job will take about three and a half years. The steamship company will contribute \$28,087,280 of the vessel's construction cost. This is about what it would take to build the ship in a foreign yard. The Maritime Commission will contribute a \$42,285,720 subsidy, part of which will be for the national defence features of the vessel.

FAST AND LUXURIOUS

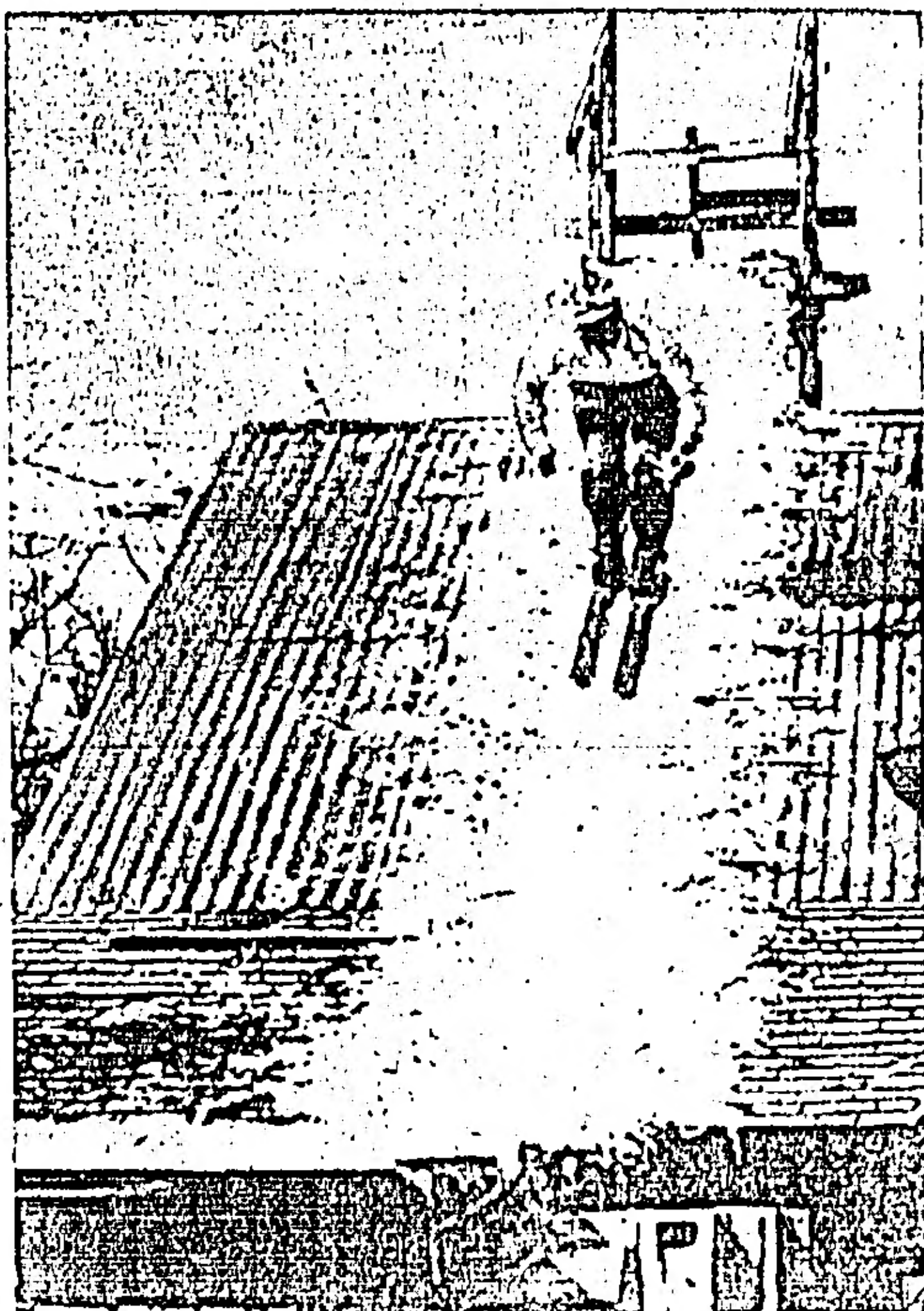
The ship will be fast and luxurious. It will carry 2,000 passengers and a crew of 1,000. In wartime it could transport 12,000 troops. The Commission kept the anticipated top speed a secret, but said it will cruise at 28 knots.

Of 48,000 gross tons, the vessel will be smaller than the British Queens, Elizabeth and Mary. But it will carry as many passengers and operate as many schedules. It will be 980 feet long.

Vice-Admiral W. W. Smith, Commission chairman, said the decision to build the ship was one of the most important the Commission has ever made. Since the war we have been woefully short of passenger ships under the American flag. We have not been only short of this kind of service, but are in the danger of more serious shortage of troopship tonnage in case of emergency.—United Press.



Feather Ski Slide



Erling Wiig, a poultry farmer at Tarzana, Calif., skims down a ski slide on the roof of his barn. Wiig uses chicken feathers for his slide, creating a winter resort atmosphere. Not too long ago Californians had the real ingredients for a ski slide.—AP Picture.

Western Powers Request Military Aid From U.S.

Washington, Apr. 7.—The five Western Union Powers have formally and collectively requested the United States to supply them with military assistance under the terms of the North Atlantic Treaty, it was reliably understood here today.

A formal United States answer agreeing in principle to seek Congressional authorization for such assistance is expected tomorrow.

Western Union national military experts have already drawn up for the information of Washington a broad estimate of their own military resources and the joint defence measures planned under the defence clauses of the Brussels Treaty.

This estimate gives a rough idea of the scale of United States aid which would be needed to implement what they regard as the basic security needs of the Atlantic Union.

The United States is then expected to ask for detailed estimates of aid required from the various Atlantic Pact states so as to be able to approach Congress for appropriations for the current year.

The five Brussels Treaty Powers—Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—will continue to act as a single group.

The State Department is understood already to be negotiating with Norway and Denmark for an estimate of their defence needs in terms of American assistance.

DEFENCE COUNCIL

Until these two sets of European estimates are obtained and approved, little progress can be made with the actual organization of the permanent military organization of the Atlantic Union.

Details of the Defence Council and its subsidiary planning and supply committees have hardly figured in the discussions here in the past week.

Officials in Washington today described American press estimates of the actual amounts of the foreign military assistance programme, ranging from one to two thousand million dollars, as purest speculation.

President Truman in his January budget message expected to have \$2,000 million available if Congress adopted his new taxation programme.

The only item of expenditure unaccounted for in his budget was the programme of military assistance to the North Atlantic and other countries.

The programme, therefore, has an official \$2,000 million ceiling. Congress may possibly refuse to give Truman the new taxes for which he asks.

In that case, the President may have to obtain funds for the military assistance programme by reducing other expenditures, for example on his \$15,000 million defence budget.—Reuter.

Upholsterer Fails To Win Divorce

London, Apr. 7.—A divorce petition in which a North London upholsterer cited as co-respondent a doctor born in Ceylon was dismissed here today. Mr Nathan Miller, of Stoke Newington, had claimed damages, alleging adultery between his wife, Fanny, and Dr Irving Gerald de Silva, of Finsbury Park.

Giving judgment, Mr Blanco White said Mrs Miller started a blouse-making business, while her husband was at the war. She was a hard-working woman, but Mr Miller was of a very different temperament. They met the doctor soon after the husband was demobilised, when Mrs Miller had a fainting attack.

Friendship developed and Dr de Silva formed the habit of visiting the house and staying until after midnight.

TALKS OVER TEA

"He was attracted by her enthusiasm, her wholehearted determination, to get on, no doubt attracted by the personality also, and he enjoyed sitting peacefully, after his surgery hours were over, and chatting over a cup of tea," Mr White said. "It does not follow from that, that there is anything improper in that association. Dr Johnson drank tea with Mrs Thrale."

"No one has suggested that they committed adultery," Mr Miller had given evidence of alleged incidents, Mr White added, but he frankly disbelieved much of that testimony. "I think it has been invented by him with a view to supporting the claim for damages which he makes against the doctor." Dr de Silva would be dismissed from the suit and the petition would be dismissed.—Reuter.

Eden's Robust Confidence In The Commonwealth

London, Apr. 7.—Mr Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, in a luncheon address here today, said he returned from his recent world tour with robust confidence in the Commonwealth's future.

His journey, he said, had revived and restored his hope for mankind. He returned with a strong conviction that the Commonwealth countries could help each other and lead the world for the benefit of all countries.

Referring to the part that India and Pakistan could play, Mr Eden said he was encouraged by the clear desire he had found in those Dominions to continue in some form of association with the British Commonwealth if it could be contrived.

"The problem is of very great complexity," he added, "but the closer we can contrive to be together, the happier we in the United Kingdom shall be. It is for them to decide, but I am sure that in the wider perspective of world events, the more general contribution we can make, the richer will be the benefit for the world as a whole."

ENHANCED ROLE

"Regional arrangements are valuable and indispensable, but they are not alone the solution of our problems. Constant efforts are needed to preserve peace and our Commonwealth has got to plan it, but with Pakistan and India with us, our role will be enhanced."

Mr Eden said it was necessary to be cautious about the situation in Malaya, which was still serious, but there had been a marked improvement in many respects.

"This banditry—and that is what it is—has no support among the Malaysians," he said, "and provided there is no further influx of bandits from outside, my view is that this problem by stages will be resolved."

STILL CARRYING ON

Mr Eden praised the planters and tin miners who, after years in Japanese prison camps, were still carrying on, he said, behind barbed wire and other conditions which troubled the strongest nerves.

As Malaya earned more dollars than all the United Kingdom's exports, Britain's debt to Malaya had not been stated enough.

Mr Eden said that there was an urgent need for such visits as his to the Commonwealth countries not only at the political level but at all levels and

Birth Control Plan For Japan

Tokyo, Apr. 7.—The Japanese Government's Welfare Minister announced today he was preparing plans for a national birth control programme to meet the "menace" of over-population.

The minister, Toji Hayashi, told the lower house of the Diet in response to questioning from the floor, that the Welfare Ministry is considering a number of plans for providing "effective and proper means of birth control."

A small scale popular education drive, including radio programmes, was thought necessary for checking the population increase and the best methods of birth control already has been launched by the Ministry. The recent is on personal responsibility to help solve the problem, which American officials have called a threat to the American financed Japanese self-sufficiency drive.

Japan's population is increasing by over 1,500,000 persons yearly and imports of food to feed the additional mouths is an increasingly harassing problem.

Many American economists feel that Japan can never export enough finished goods to pay for increasing food and raw material imports, leaving the alternatives of continued territorial expansion or mass starvation.—United Press.

ARTIFICIAL KIDNEY

Philadelphia, Apr. 7.—The Jewish hospital reported today the development of a new type of "artificial kidney" by three staff doctors.

The kidney, which was developed by Doctors Julian Sterling, Laurence Wass and Arthur Schneberg, is an improvement on the existing apparatus, being one-tenth of the size.

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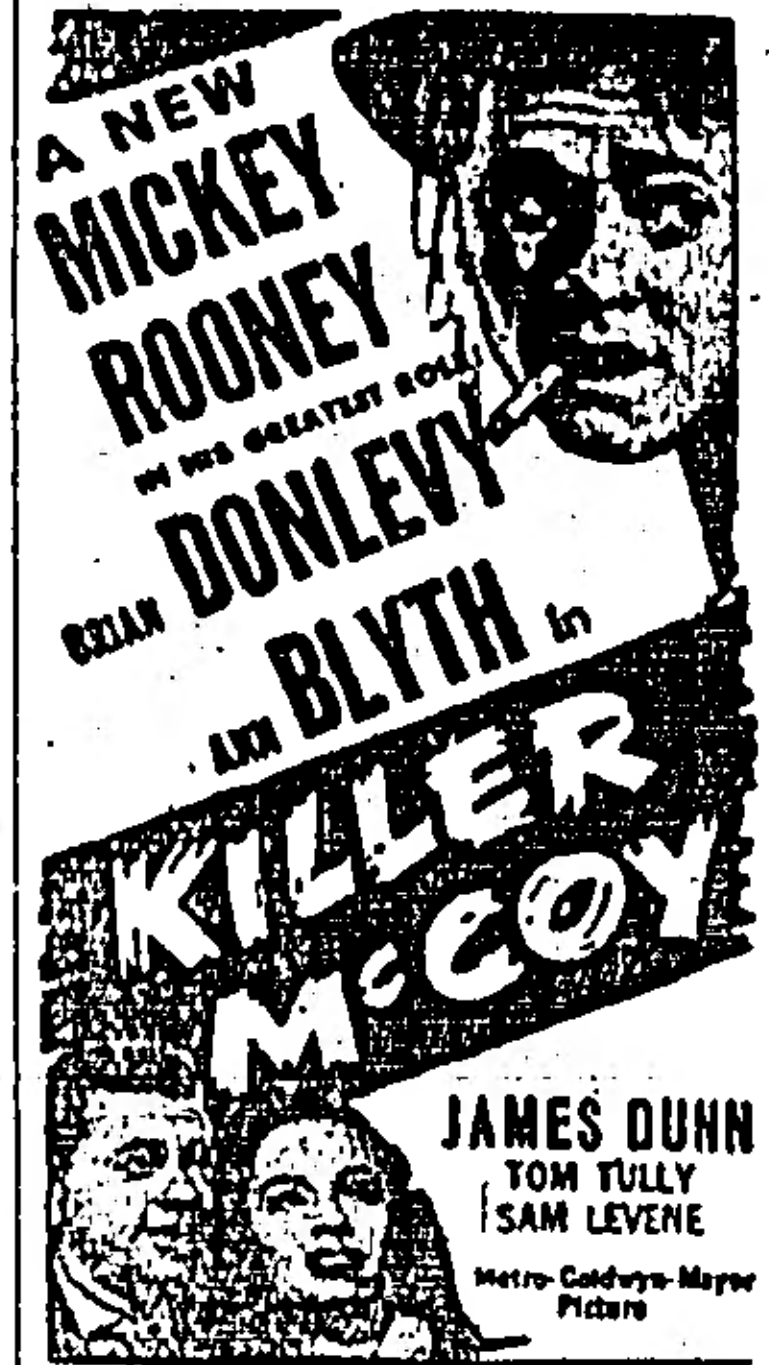
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